

I strongly oppose SB 223. This bill is a significant threat to religious freedom and parental choice. It also undermines private education in Oregon by making private schools subject to oversight by the state. It is my choice as a parent to enroll my children in a faith-based, private education.

I have chosen to send my children to private school, but also pay Oregon taxes that pay for Oregon's public education system. My children should have the same ability to participate in extracurricular activities. It is unfair to punish our children by excluding them from these activities if our school chooses not to register with the state.

Our school already prioritizes students safety, this bill goes too far. Please do not use our children as leverage in political fights. I ask you to please stand with parents like me and vote 'NO' on SB 223. It is unnecessary and will harm our children.